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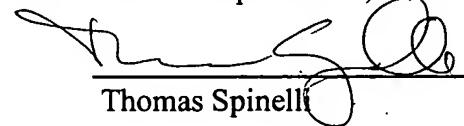
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1. International PCT Patent Application Publication No. WO 98/58338, dated December 23, 1998; and
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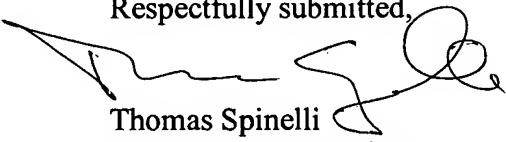
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The references were cited in a Search Report dated August 10, 2005 received from the European Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

Also enclosed herewith is a Statement Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d) and a date-of-receipt stamped letter to establish the date on which the European Search Report was received.

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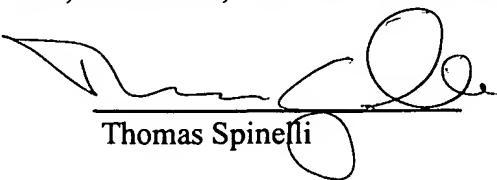
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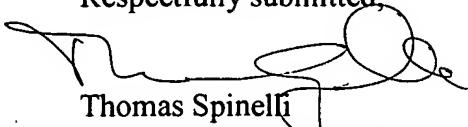
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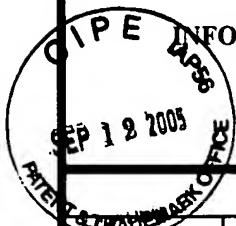
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